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1. MARESCA AND CORRIDEN, ACCOMPANIED BY MISSION OFFICER, MET WITH FRIEDRICH KLEIN (DIRECTOR FOR RELATIONS) MARCH 25 FOR REVIEW OF BELGRADE PREPARATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON RECENT EXPERTS MEETINGS AT NATO.

2. DURING CONVERSATION THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION OF RECENT LETTER TO STANOVNIK FROM UK AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA SETTING FORTH EC VIEWS ON BREZHNEV PROPOSALS. IN THIS CONNECTION MARESCA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT UK LETTER MAY OPEN UP WAY FOR "DYNAMIC NEGOTIATION" AT ECE PLENARY ON BREZHNEV PROPOSALS, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS IN ALL OUR INTERESTS TO AVOID, AND HE WONDERED WHETHER THE NINE HAD ANY CLEAR IDEA OF WHERE SUCH A DISCUSSION SHOULD LEAD. KLEIN ACKNOWLEDGED THE PROBLEM, SAID HE HAD NOT REPEAT NOT ANTICIPATED WHEN HE SPOKE WITH MISSION OFFICERS LAST WEEK (USEC BRUSSELS 2503--NOTAL) THAT
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UK LETTER WOULD DELIVERED SO SOON AND ASSUMED THAT QUICK DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO DELIVER REPLY TO STANOVNIK TO AVOID DELAY INVOLVED IN RETURNING TO DRAWING BOARD TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW SOVIET LETTER. IN ANY EVENT, KLEIN SAID THAT COMMISSION WAS NOW CHARGED WITH DRAFTING RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE NEW SOVIET LETTER, WICH WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) FOR DISCUSSION.

3. ON THE SUBJECT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AT BELGRADE, KLEIN OBSERVED THAT THIS ISSUE IS STILL BEING CONSIDERED IN COREPER. HE INDICATED THAT SOME IN THE NINE ARE ARGUING THAT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION MIGHT BE TURNED AROUND BY THE SOVIETS AS JUSTIFICATION FOR CEMA PARTICIPATION, AND HE FRANKLY WAS NOT CERTAIN HOW THE MEMBER STATES WOULD COME OUT ON THE END. HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT THE US WOULD SUPPORT AN EVENTUAL PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION. MARESCA RESPONDED THAT, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HE THOUGHT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT WHATEVER PROPOSAL THE NINE AGREED UPON; AT THE SAME TIME WE SHOULD BE READY FOR THE ARGUMENT THAT SEPARATE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION WOULD GIVE EACH EC MEMBER STATE ONE AND ONE-NINTH SEATS AT THE CONFERENCE (I.E. ITS OWN AND A SHARE OF THE COMMUNITY SEAT) AND WULD THEREFORE BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE IDEA THAT ALL STATES SHOULD PARTICIPATE ON AN EQUAL BASIS.

4. KLEIN THEN COMMENTED THAT THE COREPER STUDY OF BASKET II IMPLEMENTATION IS NOW MAKING GOOD PROGRESS AND THAT THE GROUP WILL SOON BE IN A POSITION TO DRAW UP A BALANCE SHEET ON MANY INDIVIDUAL ITEMS. MARESCA OUTLINED OUR VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING THEMES WHICH SHOULD BE STRESSED BY THE WESTERN COUNTRIES DURING IMPLEMENTATION REVIEWS, AS A MEANS OF MAKING OUR GOALS CLEAR TO OUR OWN PUBLIC OPINION AND TO CONVEY TO THE EASTERN COUNTRIES WHAT WE EXPECT OF THEM. KLEIN REACTED FAVORABLY AND THOUGHT THIS APPROACH COULD BE WORKED INTO THE COREPER REVIEW PROCESS.
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